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These are NOAA resources and NOAA NMS folks including our protected species enforcement folks are directly involved. Specifically to dispersants, I don't know if they have a chemical test. They do know how to assess if oil played a role. We take each report of a dead or injured marine mammal very seriously. One thing to note is that, unfortunately, marine mammals and sea turtles do die every year for other causes including impacts from vessels and natural causes. During a major spill response, more are observed because more folks are looking. We have a team of NOAA marine mammal and turtle folks based out of the Houma command post (and full time folks throughout the GOM region). I'll have my folks in Houma follow up your inquiry. Take care, Charlie

Frank and Gary,  
Could you follow up on this or pass it to the correct person that can give the best response to the EPA. Thanks,  
Charlie

Carroll.Craig@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

> Charlie/Steve,  
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> Noted they did necropsies on the turtles that recently beached and  
> also my RA asked about a report of beached whales and dolphins. Who  
> performs necropsies on these and do they test for toxicity of  
> dispersant when they do? Thanks  
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